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# THE PANTHER

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## Student Government Association honored for improvement efforts



By Amanda Leon, The Panther

**Nothing goes unnoticed:** Waller County Democratic Club honors several members of the community including SGA for their continual efforts to improve the campus and surrounding area.

**By Amanda Leon**  
Editor-in-Chief

Waller County Democratic Club recently hosted its annual awards banquet at the Recreation Center in Hempstead during which Prairie View's Student Government Association was honored.

Before the honorees of the night were awarded with plaques, former state senator and distinguished leader Ted Lyon

spoke about an array of issues that affect locals as well as citizens on a national level.

For instance, Lyon urged students to know their rights when it comes to their voices being heard through voting. Lyon said, "Students at Prairie View have a long history of being held back politically. For instance, a bill that was just passed states that a person cannot use a student ID card to vote. However, a handgun license can be used. So, students really need to be aware of what's going on."

He also discussed how the land-

fill might affect students and others in the community environmentally, aesthetically, and for the way in which the community is both perceived and received. He spoke negatively about Republicans and the way they treat minorities, saying that Republicans wouldn't dare put a landfill in a "better" neighborhood.

After his speech Lyon wanted to relay certain messages to the student body at Prairie View.

He said, "Elections have consequences. Registering voters and ensuring that

they get out there to vote has consequences. Democrats in this state have allowed right wing conservative extremists to take over. The message that I want to get out is that we need people to get out and vote because it has a tremendous affect on their life."

SGA vice president Jarrick Brown said, "It was a humbling experience being around a so many others that truly seek to see changes made. I was flattered that Student Government Association was selected as an honoree. It is a really big achievement, however, we know that the work will still continue."



## Students get exposed to the world from a different view

**By Celia Hinkson**  
Panther Contributor

The Prairie View A&M University International Affairs office hosted a Study Abroad Fair Wednesday in the MSC Ballroom.

This event was used to expose students to the various opportunities that are available and allowed them to see the excellent study abroad programs in the world.

Lisa Fields, host of the fair and director of the office, said that it is "a great opportunity" and encourages all students to look into the different ventures available.

For students to participate in Study Abroad programs there are a few requirements; students must be enrolled with the university, have completed at least 30 undergraduate hours, have at least a 2.5 GPA, and the approval of their advisor, department head, and dean.

The MSC ballroom was lined with different companies featuring the different Study Abroad programs as well as a table set up for the United States Postal Office to explain the necessary documents and cost of obtaining a passport.

One of the tables featured the "Semester At Sea" program hosted by the University of Virginia. Over 600 students aboard the ship would engage in educational classes daily, and have the opportunity to travel to over 15 countries throughout the program.

Another program featured was the American Institute for Foreign Study hosted by a variety of universities around the world, and allows students to choose a program that caters more to their desired studies and interests.

A representative at the table for the United States Postal Service, said that

students in the study abroad programs generally need a passport, but the prices vary depending on whether they are traveling by land, sea, or if a student has to fly.

If students have to fly, they must obtain a traditional book passport which will cost a \$135 if they are over the age of 16 and if they are traveling by land or sea, they will need a passport card which will cost \$55; both types of passports will need to be applied for with a photo ID and a birth certificate.

Many of the students concluded that the fair was an enjoyable experience and they learned about the many opportunities available to learn more about different cultures.

Fields was overjoyed by the success of the fair. "Very, very successful, we've had quite a few students, as well as faculty and staff that came out despite the rainy weather," she noted.

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## The polls come to Prairie View A&M University

**By Denzel Speights**  
Panther Contributor

For over a decade, students at Prairie View A&M University have questioned and urged commissioners in Waller County to create more accessible polling stations.

"Since the 1970s, voting as a whole has always been an issue on this campus so it is especially important that the students have a say so in the decisions that are being made. It will affect them their experience at the university," said senior political science major and SGA president Priscilla Barbour.

However, in recent years, campaigns such as Rock the Vote and Vote or Die have promoted voting by students.

These campaigns run on the basis that it is important to be informed about what is going on politically as elections do affect everyone. Also, they run on the fact that there is power in numbers, meaning that if the young people cast their votes their voices will be heard.

Senior criminal justice major

Amanda Leon said, "I've always wondered why we didn't have a polling station directly on campus when there is a clear need for it."

Seeing the need for change Barbour decided to step up and organize a campaign in support of a polling station on campus.

Barbour took the initiative to write a letter to Texas Secretary of State, John Steen Jr., about student's concerns with accessible voting poll stations. She included an argument about students without transportation having difficulty getting around and that the current situation is a violation of the Federal Voting Rights Act which protects voting rights. In addition, the letter also requested Steen's physical presence for a first-hand account of the current situation.

Steen agreed that students had a valid argument about the location of polling stations.

Leon said, "We could have so much power, if we would just take advantage of it. Sometimes the way polling stations are designed that way to stifle our voices as young, educated, minorities. We can't let that happen."

Students and faculty members

gained the support of several political leaders, state officials, and political organizations. For instance, True the Vote, which is a national organization that focuses on the protection of voting, was a major contributor.

"Even though they are extremely conservative tea party, Republican type of organization, the fact that they were so willing to help this one little small historical black college meant a lot," said Barbour. Student's voices are finally being heard and a polling station will soon be available to students who would like to participate in the upcoming elections. When and where?

Barbour concluded, "Our students know they are one of the strongest forces in this county, but we have to have access to express our beliefs, express our point of view within the decision making process."

With the support of the county's new election administrator Robyn German, Prairie View is well on its way to having voting polls in November and becoming an additional option for voting for Waller county residents.



## Deltas promote breasts cancer awareness



By Andre Williams, The Panther

Deltas paint the fingernails of the participants in the month's signature pink event.

By Chappell Moore  
Panther Contributor

The Eta Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. went pink Tuesday in support of breast cancer awareness month.

The sorority kicked off the month with the first event of the semester titled "Who Are You Fighting For?"

The ladies of the organization raised funds for the cause by creating shirts that were worn at the event. The shirts showed the names of survivors and loved ones who have died from breast cancer.

The event started with a formal introduction from the organization's president, senior biology major Kristen Wells-Lewis, who thanked everyone for attending the Deltas first seminar, which led into the introduction of speaker Carolyn

Grant, an 11-year survivor of breast cancer.

Grant shared her personal survival story, breast cancer facts and the importance of not only women but young men having annual check-ups. She encouraged her audience to have self-examinations and to become aware of your body.

"Breast cancer is aggressively attacking the African American community which is more aggressive in African American women, I advise young women to do self-examination," said Grant.

The funds raised by the Deltas would support the work of Sisters Network, the only African American breast cancer survivorship organization in the United States. Grant encouraged young women at the event to share information with others, while also passing out brochures.

"It was a great and fun event that allowed me to learn that even though I support the fight against breast cancer for my loved ones, I don't do as much as I should in terms of doing more self-examinations and it's even more important to do the research on how to be more aware of my body and how to keep myself healthy," said senior mass communication major Celia Hinkson.

Followed by the keynote speaker the ladies and men had a chance to engage in many different activities such as Bra Pong, where participants had a chance to throw mini balls into bra cups.

"We want to start a movement on campus to get students involved and to encourage them to get their friends and family involved; we are the future," said Wells-Lewis.

## Marching Storm gets ready for the big battle

By Jermeicia Brush  
Panther Contributor

The 12th annual Honda Battle of the Bands is around the corner and this year Prairie View A&M University hopes to see The Marching Storm take the field.

The event is held in Atlanta and starts with the 16 HBCU bands that receive the most votes. During the event the most well received eight bands advance to the invitational showcase.

Marching Storm director Dr. Timothy Zachary decided to implement new ideas and more exciting routines into the band's upcoming performance at the battle, since the Marching Storm did not participate in the event last year.

"This year, we are trying to merge the old and the new to improve our skills as a band," said Zachary. "The band is doing a wonderful job, we are merging the old, present, and future and using bricks of former traditions to lay a foundation for a new traditions," said Zachary.

Thousands of fans gather in the Georgia Dome each year to watch the bands perform their most intricate and unique routines. "It's one of the best recruiting sites because there are 76,000 people there, but not just anybody, 76,000

people that love band performances," said Zachary.

Whether the marching storm is better overall than it was last year is not what Zachary is focused on. He pinpointed the band's improvement in areas that they are not their best at.

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Although the showcase does not pick a winner the eight marching bands that perform and their members do receive a variety of prizes and scholarships.

"The bands receive \$20,000 just for participating, all travel and meal expenses covered, and the students receive a dinner, dance, book bags, and pens for participating," said Zachary.

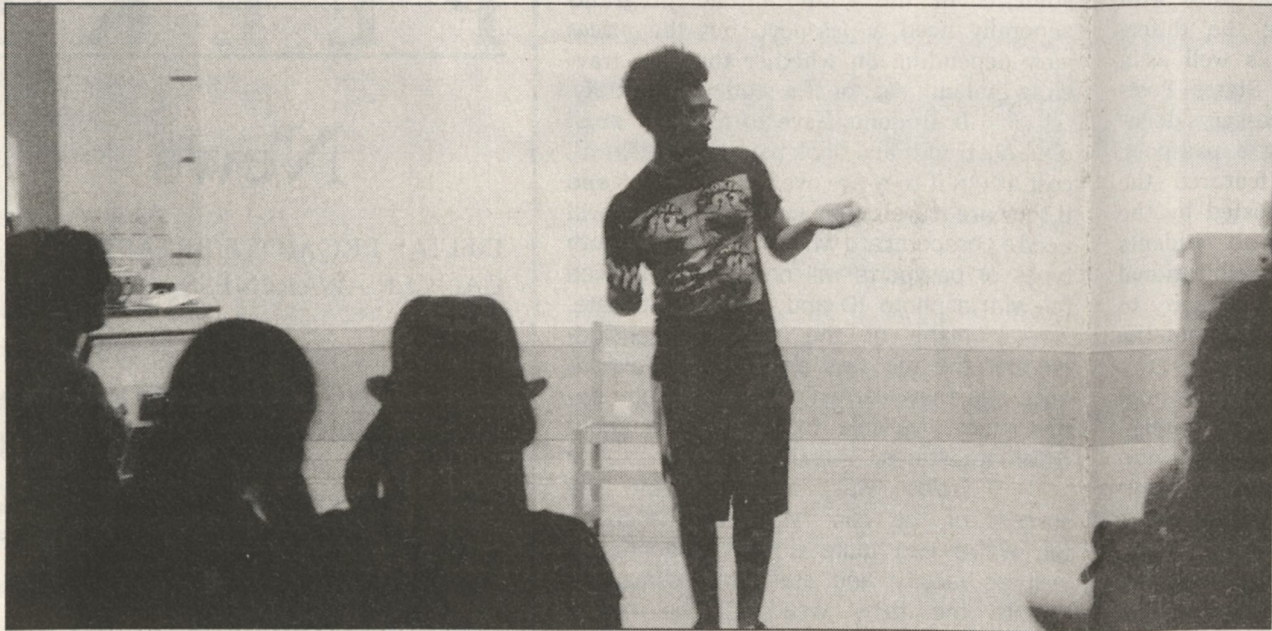
After missing the showcase last year students feel that performing this year will be enough of a prize for the band.

"I would be thrilled and exhilarated if we attend the battle of the bands because I know the Marching Storm is going to bring the fire," said sophomore biology major Gregory Gilchrist.

"I feel it would be a wonderful opportunity if we go to the battle of the bands because the band works so hard and we would like to show everyone the product of all our hard work", said freshman undecided major Briana Brush.

Voting for the 2014 Honda Battle of the Bands Invitational Showcase ends Oct. 9 at midnight EST. Tickets are on sale now for \$10.

## Chic poetry showcase exposes student talent



Courtesy of Kimberly Gay

Stoopz gives a performance with a mixture of spoken word, hip-hop, and poetry.

By Melissa Adams  
Panther Contributor

The organization Club Chic hosted its second annual "Word Of Mouth" showcase on Tuesday.

The event called all artists from rappers to poets to express their talents to their fellow students. Club Chic's president Karris Gordon was very excited about hosting the event, the first of this school year.

"The reason that we are doing this is because we have a lot of talent on campus and we thought having an open mic would be kind of fun. It's something for everyone to engage in because in a lot of our things, our audiences are mostly women," Gordon said.

Prior to the occasion most artists were nervous and full of anxiety. One of the participants, singer Desirae Johnson, said that she was both nervous and excited.

"I'm very nervous because I've only done this a couple of times but this is definitely a step for me to get exposure," Johnson said.

Through overcoming nerves some realized that they had a true gift. This especially pertained to freshman Breah McClendlen, an artist who performed her material for the first time. Presenting her two short poems with an intensely nervous performance, she had the crowd in awe.

"I've been writing for a while and took advantage of the opportunity. I felt that in a smaller environment I would feel more comfortable," said McClendlen.

"The scenery of the affair was warm and comforting. It made you feel like you were in a poetic scene of Love Jones," said junior mass communication major Khaya Carter.

Poet RJ "England" Wright was the crowd's favorite. He blew the women away with his poetry

about pleasing women and also inspired the men in the audience to take his advice on how to approach a woman.

Other artists such as Brandon Willis got comfortable by coming close to the crowd, removing his shoes, and singing about searching for happiness. He made the house laugh with his lyrics about sex, video games, and breakfast in bed.

Plenty of unplanned performances took the stage. Artists such as Amber Caraway felt encouraged to reveal their talents by singing. Caraway received many snaps for encores and Deondria Kyles who took the audience on a tour of her life through poetry that she came up with on site.

On the whole, Club Chic had a lively turnout with many talents. The club plans to have another open mic seminar later in the year.

"That was really an amazing turnout," said senior biology major Candice Jones.

## CSO elects new executive board

By Jasmine Westmoreland  
Panther Contributor

The Council of Student Organizations, also known as CSO, recently elected a new executive board for the 2013-2014 academic school year.

With a new executive board, the council starts the year with the hope of restructuring the council's image and sparking inter-

members are also part of the NHPC.

"We were considered non-Greeks," Hicks said of the Council's prior reputation.

After reaching unity within and banding together to raise campus awareness, the council now looks forward to bridging the gap with other National Pan Hellenic Council members.

Recently, the council members hosted a back-to-school hump day in which they gave out scantrons, pens, pencils, etc.

"I like how more of the CSO Greeks have started to be more involved with the school and school related activities. They are usually not as known as the others, except the Gamma Sigma Sigmas," said freshman communication major



By Andre Williams, The Panther

est across campus.

A member of the Phi Mu Alpha fraternity, senior vocal performance major Jonathan Hicks, is serving his second term as president. Hicks said that the council's foremost goal is to revamp and pique student interest about CSO's.

As the university is a historically black institution, most organizations outside of the National Pan-Hellenic Council, otherwise known as "the Divine Nine," often go unrecognized although CSO

Desiree Adams.

More of council's goals this year include Greek unity and promoting healthy decisions among students regarding the membership intake process.

"It's good that efforts are being made to get the name of the CSOs out there," said Blake Jones, senior biology major.

In addition to the council's many goals for the year, there will be a CSO Week for students to look forward to next semester.



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**Mobile election ID stations coming to Waller County**

**Austin** – Four mobile stations will be in Waller County Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013 and Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to issue Election Identification Certificates (EICs).

Election Identification Certificates are available **without charge** to qualified Texas voters who do not already have an approved form of photo ID, which is now required for voting in person. The November 5<sup>th</sup> Election will be the first statewide election with photo ID requirements in effect.

Applicants for an EIC would normally have to travel to a Department of Public Safety (DPS) driver license office in order to get an EIC, but these mobile stations will provide improved opportunity to get an EIC closer to home. The stations are made available by a joint initiative with the Texas Secretary of State's office and DPS. Only EICs will be issued from these mobile units.

Many Texans already have an approved form of ID and will not need or qualify for an EIC. Acceptable forms of ID in addition to an EIC are:

- Texas driver license issued by DPS
- Texas personal identification card issued by DPS
- Texas concealed handgun license issued by DPS
- United States military identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States citizenship certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States passport

Applicants for an EIC will need to present proof of citizenship and identity. For most applicants that means a birth certificate and two forms of supporting identification. A complete list of identification requirements is available at  
<http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/eicDocReqmnts.htm>.

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See below for schedule. Dates and times are subject to change. Check [www.VoteTexas.gov](http://www.VoteTexas.gov) for the latest dates, locations and times.

**Monday, October 7<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.**

Location 1: County Commissioner – Pct. 1  
Waller County Courthouse  
836 Austin Street, Assembly Room  
Hempstead, Texas 77445

Location 2: County Commissioner – Pct. 4  
Brookshire Convention Center  
4027 5<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brookshire, Texas 77423

**Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.**

Location 1: County Commissioner – Pct. 3  
Wm. Temple Memorial Student Center – Prairie View A & M Campus  
100 University Drive  
Hempstead, Texas 77445

Location 2: County Commissioner – Pct. 2  
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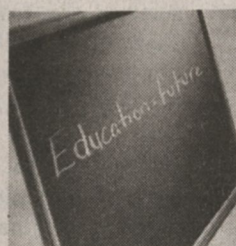
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# Panther football quiets critics by shining in Nacogdoches

By Shamaria' Knowles  
Panther Staff

Going into a game with their backs against the wall, and the rain falling, Prairie View A&M Panthers quieted the critics as they defeated Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks 56-48.

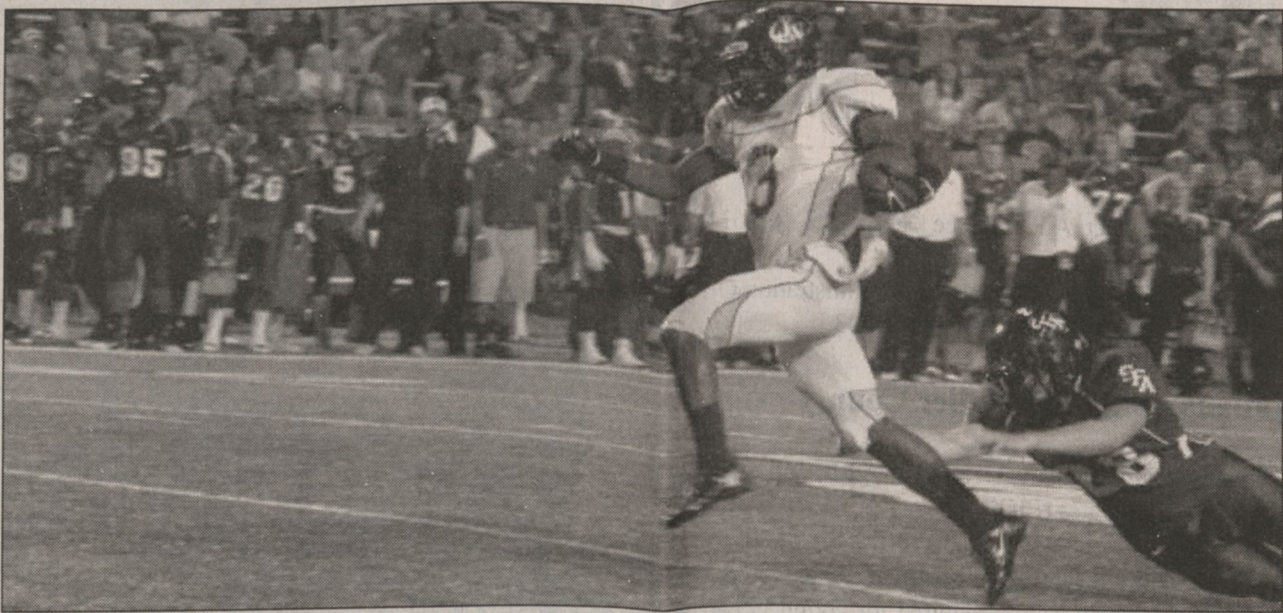
"The way we started out I never would have thought it would finish like that," head coach Heishma Northern said of his team.

No one would have predicted that the Panthers would go into Lumberjacks territory and dominate on the field like they did.

From the moment they ran onto the field you could tell that they was not leaving without a fight. The game started with the Lumberjacks jumping ahead 14-0 in less than four minutes. But the momentum quickly shifted to the Panthers following a forced fumble.

Quarterback Jerry Lovelocke connected with wide receiver Gabe Dunlap for a 13-yard touchdown, narrowing the lead to 14-7. The Lumberjacks fumbled once again, giving the ball right back to the Panthers in their territory.

Lovelocke hit wide receiver Patrick Gant, giving him one of his two touchdowns on the day to knot the score up at 14. The Panthers forced the Lumberjacks into a three



By Pierre Shephard, The Panther

## Sophomore Johnta' Hebert avoids tackle from a Stephen F. Austin defender.

and out and capitalized on their next possession as Lovelocke rushed in from four yards out giving the Panthers a 21-14 lead to end the first quarter.

"I took what they [defense] gave me and I stuck with the read and my offensive line helped me out," said Lovelocke, who accounted for seven touchdowns total.

To start the second quarter the Panthers marched down the field and Lovelocke threw one of his four touchdowns to wide receiver Deandre Cooper, giving them their first lead

of the game 28-14 following the extra point from kicker Chris Barriick. The Panthers failed to capitalize on a forced fumble by Raheem Caldwell as Lovelocke gave the ball right back by throwing an interception to Lumberjacks Destin Mosley. The Lumberjacks scored off the turnover, cutting the lead to 28-21 with 5:25 left in the half.

After an intentional grounding call, the Panthers were forced to punt the ball. The Lumberjacks scored on their next two

possessions, giving them a 31-28 lead with 1:22 left. As time expired Gant caught his second touchdown of the day, giving the Panthers a 35-31 lead to close out the first half.

After halftime, the Panthers seemed to not lose any of their momentum. Rushing in from three yards out, Lovelocke gave the Panthers an 11-point lead that they would never look back from.

After scoring a field goal the Lumberjacks cut the lead down 42-34, but the Panthers stormed

back scoring another touchdown from Lovelocke. As the third quarter ended, Panther fans who braced the rain hoped that this momentum carried over into the final quarter of the game.

Midway through the fourth quarter the Panthers gave up a 76-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Brady Attaway, who had 662 passing yards, to Aaron Thomas narrowing the lead down to eight points.

With a punt from Travis Jatzlau, cornerback Foster Brown forced another fumble, setting up the next score from the Panthers as running back Courtney Brown took it in from 41-yards out extending the lead to 56-41 with 3:40 left in the game.

Panther fans began to worry when the Lumberjacks scored on their following possession, narrowing the lead to 56-48. The Panthers failed to run out the clock, giving the Lumberjacks one last chance.

The defense came up with a huge stop as time expired giving the Panther their first win against a Southland Conference team since 1985.

When asked about how the turnovers helped save the game, Caldwell said, "Due to the fact that we gave up 800 total yards, forcing the turnovers helped us out to get the win."

The Panthers will be traveling to Dallas for the annual State Fair Classic on Saturday Oct. 5. Kickoff will be earlier than usual at 4:30 p.m.

# Panthers drop the ball at Southern tourney



By John Possey, Contributor

## Set, Spike: Senior setter Kelly Espinosa getting under the ball.

By Ryan Lewis  
Sports Information

Prairie View A&M could not complete the comeback and dropped a 3-2 match to Southern on the road and fell to 1-1 in Southwestern Athletic Conference competition. The Lady Panthers

lost the first two sets to Southern, but they rallied to take the next two sets and looked to have the momentum heading into the final set.

However, the Jaguars defeated Prairie View A&M 25-22, 25-19, 17-25, 24-26, 15-13. Slow starts seemed to be the theme for the Lady Panthers in each set that they lost, including the fifth set. Southern jumped out to a 7-1 lead be-

fore Prairie View A&M corrected its mistakes to go on an 8-2 run to tie the game at 9-9 with a kill by senior outside hitter Charae Caldwell.

The Lady Panthers never took the lead, but they tied the set twice more at 12-12 and 13-13 before Southern won the final to points of the match on kill and then a block by middle Deyshia Burden.

Prairie View A&M mounted its comeback following the lead of senior middle blocker Janette Batista. She played her most effective game in a Lady Panthers uniform, accounting for a career-high of 19 kills and five blocks. She also finished with a team-high .350 attack percentage. She and fellow middle Magda Zietek (7 kills, 5 digs, 4 blocks) secured the front line for Prairie View A&M while their teammates did their parts to make a game out of an early two-set deficit.

In the third set, the Lady Panthers bounced back from sloppy play that plagued them in the first two sets and jumped out to a 16-9 lead. Southern fought back to within 16-13, but Prairie View A&M closed the set out with a 9-to-3 run. Batista accounted for two kills in the last four points for the

Lady Panthers. Southern managed to keep Set 4 closer than the Lady Panthers wanted, but with the game tied at 24-24, Zietek came through with two clutch kills for Prairie View A&M in the 26-24 win.

Batista had a big first set for the Lady Panthers as they tried to claw back from a slow start. She tallied six kills off of 10 attacks and just one error as Prairie View A&M rallied from an early 14-5 deficit and embarked on a 13-to-5 run.

A service ace by Zietek got Prairie View A&M as close as one point trailing 19-18. However, the Lady Panthers were unable to get over the hump and dropped the first set 25-22. Prairie View A&M lost in similar fashion in the second set. Senior setter Kelsey Espinosa had a season-high 42 assists in the loss, while junior outside Candyce Alexander provided a season-high of 16 digs. She and junior Libero LaKeisha Allen combined for 33 digs. Prairie View (4-17, 1-1 SWAC) will try to bounce back from the loss the Southern Invitational Tournament. The team's first game begins at 8 a.m. vs. Grambling in Baton Rouge, La.

## Let the games begin

**Wednesday, October 2**  
Volleyball at Southern  
7:00 p.m.

**Friday, October 4**  
Volleyball vs Grambling State  
8 a.m.  
Soccer at Jackson State  
1 p.m.  
Volleyball vs Alabama State  
2 p.m.

**Saturday, October 5**  
Women's Golf at Alcorn Invitational  
8:00 AM  
Men's Golf at Alcorn Invitational  
8:00 AM  
Volleyball at Southern  
10 a.m.  
Volleyball vs Alcorn State  
2 p.m.  
Football vs \*Grambling State (State Fair Classic)  
4:30 p.m.

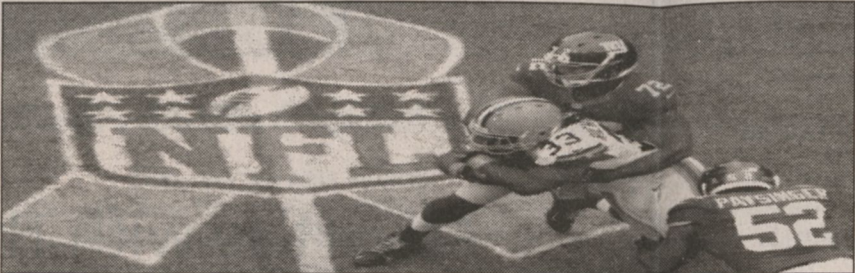
**Sunday, October 6**  
Women's Golf at Alcorn Invitational  
8:00 AM  
Men's Golf at Alcorn Invitational  
8:00 AM  
Soccer at Southern  
1 p.m.

**Monday, October 7**  
Women's Golf at Alcorn Invitational  
8:00 AM  
Men's Golf at Alcorn Invitational  
8:00 AM

**Tuesday, October 8**  
Volleyball at Arkansas - Pine Bluff  
6:00 PM

# NFL players support breast cancer awareness month

By Taylor Alexander  
Panther Staff



Courtesy of Google

The message being displayed is that some of the man-

liest, burliest athletes on the planet can be seen each week in

the most unmanly of colors and support the cause. Is this just a profit opportunity for the NFL or is it truly for support and charity?

The NFL touts that it has raised \$3 million for the American Cancer Society since 2009. But how much are they really giving them? The NFL denies that only 5 percent of the money from pink products go to charity, but allegations continue to pop up.

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# Monkey See, Monkey Do

Fashion trends intrigue urban community and question originality

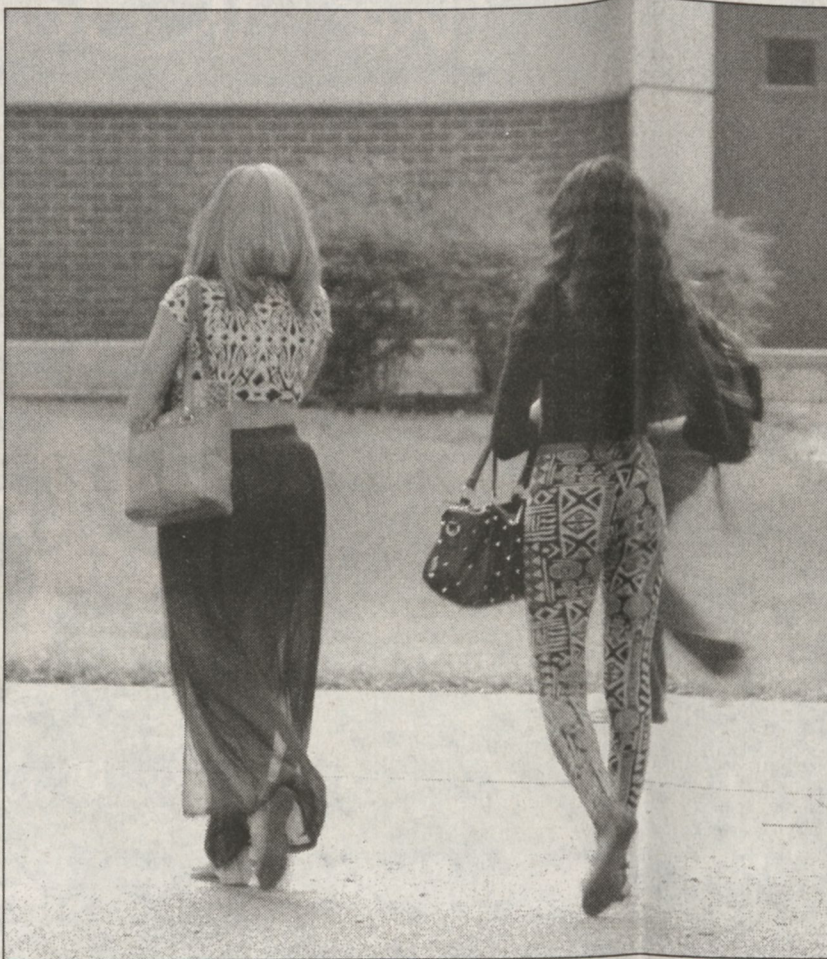
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Panther Staff

The repetitive fashion sense is at an all time high as males wear their freshly re-released retro Jordan's, crisp army-camouflage trousers, topped with a Ralph Lauren Polo shirt. Not too long after, you see another male with similar threads and become aware of the unoriginality across the youth generation. Many young ladies on the other hand stay in uniform as they incorporate foreign weaves, crop tops, and high-waist shorts into their daily attire.

Both genders are drained of the constant style from everyone that crosses their paths, but do nothing to set the new trend. It may be that the urgency to stay up to date as well as the social need to be accepted affects certain individuals. Another issue faced is that many students may not be aware of the appropriateness of a higher institution of learning environment.

Freshman nursing major Brianni Aubry blames this continuous fad on the hip-hop culture. "Some people who listen to rap music are trying too hard to be like the artist," said Aubry. The urban community is altered generation by generation. This sense of style is just another phase like the pinup during the 20s and bellbottom during the 70s.

Although majority of the urban community choose this particular custom, there are still many who don't follow the mimicked



By Andre Williams, The Panther

**Just another day:** Students walk to class displaying their personal style.

appearance. "If everybody is trying to be like everybody then there's no diversity," said freshman Ashley Miller.

What makes an admirable person so admirable

is their ability to be themselves. Oscar Wilde said, "Be yourself; everyone else is already taken."

Don't lose yourself in the world. Originality is what makes us all unique.



## Poetry Corner



By: Amanda Leon

Thoughts swimming around,  
Never making clear connections,  
Always moving with purpose,  
With no place to go,  
Depression and anxiety determined to take consume me,  
Battling these feelings daily,  
Stuck,  
Pre-occupied mind,  
Lost and alone,  
No one understands,  
Too far gone,  
Living based on feelings,  
Not on a firm foundation,  
Forever wrestling with doubt, perfectionism,  
Mistrust, & insecurity,  
Cracking under all the pressure,  
Fear of failure and the unknown leaves me still,  
Afraid to move,  
To fall too far,  
To be too hurt to get back up again,  
Too afraid to fight back,  
Too afraid to be hurt,  
Sometimes feels like too much,  
Like I just can't take it,  
They say fear paralyzes the weak,  
Challenges the strong,  
Overcoming has been branded into my history,  
It should be coursing through my veins,  
Bursting out of my chest,  
Tattooed in my spirit,  
Lord take the wheel,  
Make me over,  
Make me like my people,  
Help me to accept the challenge,  
To be changed...forever,  
To be made over...forever,  
Resilient...forever,  
Determined...forever,  
Destined to win,  
With Your help and guidance,  
I know with You all things are possible,  
That I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,  
Death and life lie in the power of my own tongue,

# Kappa Alpha Psi hosts health week on campus

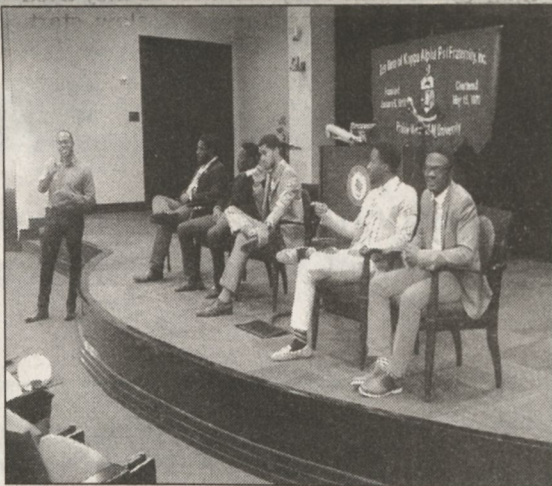
The Zeta Beta Chapter pushes to bring awareness about HIV and promote healthy activities to students

By Jazzi Black  
Panther Staff

Last week the Zeta Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. held a Health Week that promoted its health initiative called "Healthy Kappas, Healthy Communities." The goal of the week was to make students aware of the health issues that can affect us as college students and was targeted to reach every aspect of health.

Zeta Beta started the week with an HIV testing in the Willie A. Tempton Memorial Student Center as they rewarded participants with a ticket to an awareness concert that would be held at the end of the week.

The following day a Bone Marrow Drive was held in the New Science Building in anticipation of giving hope to those in need of bone marrow transplants. Sharee Thanars of the Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center was honored by the Zeta Beta Chapter for providing excellent information and service

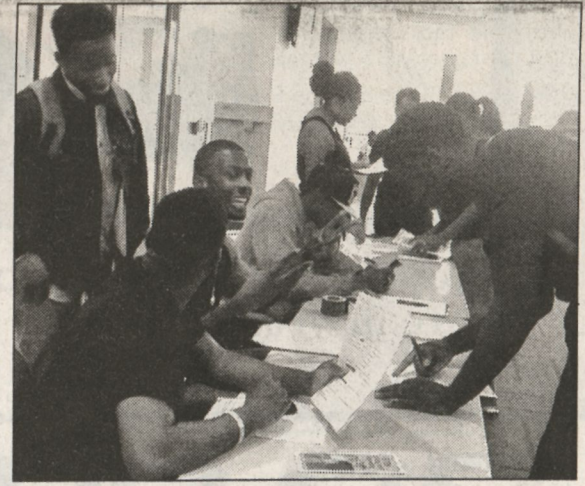


**Encourage the right choices:** Members of Kappa Alpha Psi enlighten students on essential practices.

to students. Thanars gave information on how low the percentage of African Americans who give bone marrow was and how it makes it harder for people who have cancer to find a match for the cure. She also brought in an actual recovery patient to give a short briefing about the process on the receiving end.

On Wednesday, the "Zoo

Boyz" as they are known across the nation, held the Kappatenics event which was a 7-on-7 football tournament that promoted physical health and inspired people to be more active and workout daily. NFL player Ken Lucas joined in on the affair and emphasized the importance of routine workouts that will help students stay healthy. The Complete Kollege



Courtesy of Kyna Boyd and Roderick Coleman

Student Seminar was designed to help with the mental, physical, and social aspects of life while maintaining a balance of each as a college student. What to eat, how to study, and blending with different social groups is a big part of college life which are factors to live a better quality of life. The week ended with a HIV Benefit concert that featured artists such as Rocky Banks, Prince Cannon, Sho

Stoppa, Tim Woods, and Suavay.

In all, the Health Week was a great success and thanks to the efforts of Kappa Alpha Psi on Prairie View's campus, the fraternity helped members of the community by informing them on ways to stay healthy in life.

The organization hopes to continue Health Week annually as a tradition.

## Damnations of Life

Together we all can make change, but the change must come from within FIRST. Once you see that change in you, share it with others so they can get a visual of what change is. Having the ability to change is true power.

Changing your thoughts, temper, actions, attitude or habits take some type of effort. Good or bad, right or wrong, you have the power to change the actions or reactions of those around you with your choices. Be wise with gaining power so you can strengthen when you are weak.

Peace and love -Winston

## Numbers don't lie: dropout awareness

College scholars struggle to maintain GPA to stay in school

By Shalun Wells  
Panther Contributor

"I think people come to Prairie View for the wrong reasons. Students get caught up in the "college life" and lose focus, which reflects in their grades, and once your grades drop to a low average it's hard to bring them back up," says sophomore education major Tabitha Hewlett.

Prairie View A&M University, which has a student population of about 8,400, reportedly had a retention rate of about 67 percent during the 2011-2012 school year compared to the previous year when the retention

rate was about 49 percent for first time freshmen.

"I think students who come to PV feel as if it's going to be easy, are more focused on parties, and blow off their classes which effects the schools dropout rates," says sophomore Sauntrell Hill.

Too much partying, lack of guidance, burned out on education, the stress of working a job while being a full time student, and being academically unprepared are all factors that can contribute to the increase of student dropout rates. "I feel like some people dropout because the programs are too hard and some are not prepared for the pressure of college life," says sophomore criminal justice major Iesha Sanders.

According to a Harvard study, the rise in the cost of college education is the primary reason college students' dropout.

However, there are things that can be done to help students financially for college.

"If students put more time into their school work, and less time on distracting things such as parties, then dropout rates could possibly decrease," says sophomore agriculture major Z'Aundria Warren.

Applying for scholarships, loans, and grants are a few ways students can receive additional funds for the school year. Managing your time wisely will help decrease levels of stress and give one a sufficient schedule to work around.



# Photos Of The Week



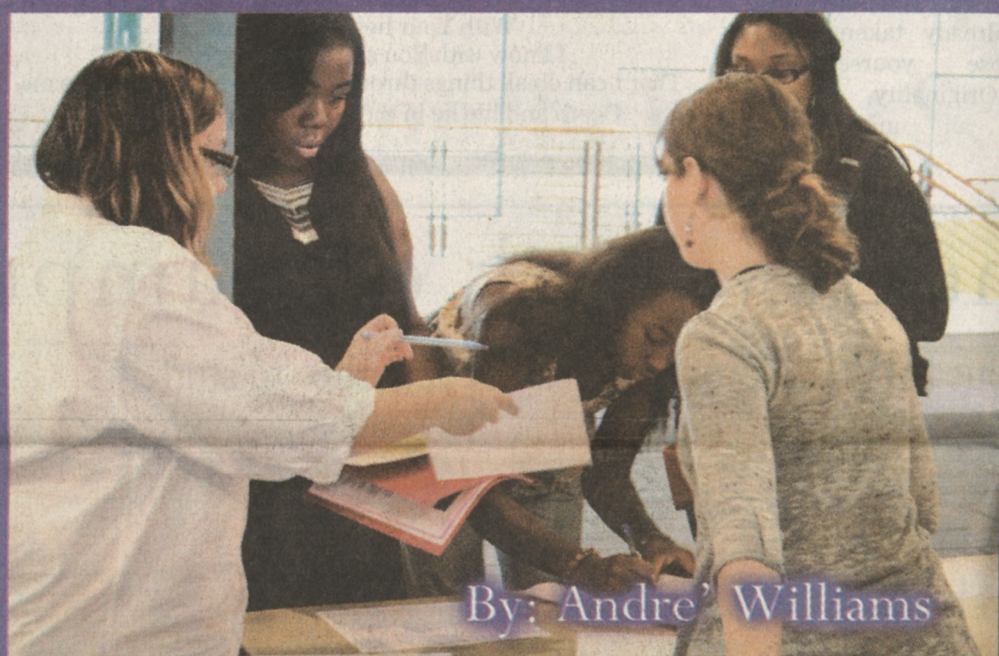
By: Briana Catley

Students attend the Pink Party to promote breast cancer awareness.



By: Pierre Shepherd

Panthers are victorious at the recent football game against Steven F. Austin State University.



By: Andre' Williams

Students are informed on registering to vote here in Waller county.



By: Amanda Leon

SGA president and vice president are honored at the Waller County Democratic Club.

## 20 QUESTIONS

1. Who was the freshman that wore the future delta shirt at move in?
2. Did she think that would give her an upper hand?
3. Who is the Pal talking to the freshman?
4. What happened to his AKA?
5. Who were the two girls in MSC about to fight?
6. Were they really about to put them paws on each other?
7. What Kappa reject got dissed on the toga mixtape?
8. Are the Alphas going to make a diss track back?
9. Why was the Kappa getting mad at the Sex with Greeks?
10. Is it because he's in a "situationship" and had a wakeup call?
11. Who got engaged at tour de pink?
12. Why didn't she look happy or surprised?
13. Which Que broke the Zeta line?
14. Who keeps sending ask.fm hate messages?
15. Are they in their feelings?
16. Who saw the Alphas miss black & gold promo video?
17. Did anyone else think the concept was lame and the guys in the video were ugly as hell?
18. Why did SGA wait until the week of the game to cancel the buses?
19. Are those tickets refundable?
20. What do you think?

**This is for entertainment only. The questions submitted are not the views of The Panther. Want to tell us what you think? Please bring your comments and questions to Rm. 219 MSC or e-mail us at [panther@pvamu.edu](mailto:panther@pvamu.edu). Questions are printed at the discretion of The Panther.**

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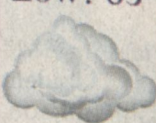
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WEATHER**  
Oct. 4 - Oct. 10

Fri.  
High: 90°  
Low: 73°



20%  
chance  
of precip.

Sat.  
High: 87°  
Low: 85°



20%  
chance  
of precip.

Sun.  
High: 77°  
Low: 48°



30%  
chance  
of precip.

Mon.  
High: 81°  
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of precip.

Tues.  
High: 84°  
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